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47/148. Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, 1/

Recalling its resolutions on the enhancement of cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity, in particular resolutions 43/12 of 25 October 1988, 43/27 of 18 November 1988, 44/17 of 1 November 1989, 45/13 of 7 November 1990 and 46/20 of 26 November 1991,

Recalling also the agreement of 15 November 1965 on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity as updated and signed on 9 October 1990 by the Secretaries-General of the two organizations,

Taking note of the resolutions, decisions and declarations adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-sixth ordinary session, held at Dakar from 22 to 28 June 1992, 2/ and by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of that organization at its twenty-eighth ordinary session, held at Dakar from 29 June to 1 July 1992, 3/

1/ A/47/453 and Add.1.

2/ A/47/558, annex I.

3/ Ibid., annex II.

Considering the important statement made by the current Chairman of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity before the General Assembly on 30 September 1992, 4/

Noting in particular the efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflicts in Africa and the harmonious continuation of the democratization process,

Noting with satisfaction the support and assistance of the United Nations for the democratization process in Africa,

Also noting the efforts of the United Nations to contribute to resolving conflicts in Africa,

Further noting with satisfaction decision AHG/Dec.1 (XXVIII) adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, with a view to setting up machinery for the prevention, settlement and management of conflicts in Africa, 3/

Mindful of the need for continued and closer cooperation between the United Nations and the specialized agencies and the Organization of African Unity, in particular in the political, economic, social, technical, cultural and administrative fields,

Also mindful of political developments in South Africa and conscious of the need to provide increased assistance to the people of South Africa and to their national liberation movements in their legitimate struggle to eradicate apartheid, and to the independent States of southern Africa that are victims of the system of apartheid,

Deeply concerned that, despite the policies of reform being implemented by African countries, their economic situation remains critical and African recovery and development continue to be severely hindered by the collapse of commodity prices, the heavy debt burden and the paucity of funding possibilities, as well as by the devastating drought affecting certain regions of the continent,

Considering that the implementation of the United Nations Programme of Action for African Economic Recovery and Development 1986-1990 5/ did not live up to expectations,

Welcoming the adoption in 1991 of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, 6/ while regretting that the machinery for its implementation has not yet begun operating,

Aware of the efforts under way by the Organization of African Unity and its member States in the area of economic integration and, in particular, the adoption by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization

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4/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-seventh Session, Plenary Meetings, 18th meeting, (A/47/PV.18).

5/ Resolution S-13/2, annex.

6/ Resolution 46/151, annex, sect. II.

of African Unity on 3 June 1991 at Abuja of the Treaty establishing the African Economic Community,

Recalling further that in its resolution 46/20 it, inter alia, urged the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the relevant agencies of the United Nations system to extend their support for the establishment of an African economic community,

Deeply concerned about the gravity of the situation of refugees and displaced persons in Africa and the urgent need for increased international assistance to help refugees and, subsequently, African countries of asylum,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity and of his efforts to strengthen that cooperation and to implement the relevant resolutions;

2. Notes with appreciation the increasing and continued participation of the Organization of African Unity in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies and its constructive contribution to that work;

3. Commends the continued efforts of the Organization of African Unity to promote multilateral cooperation and economic integration among African States and requests United Nations organizations to continue to support those efforts;

4. Requests the United Nations to continue to support the Organization of African Unity in its efforts to promote the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflicts and peacefully to manage change in Africa;

5. Urges the United Nations to provide cooperation and assistance, as appropriate, to the Organization of African Unity should the latter decide to launch a peace-keeping operation;

6. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue to cooperate closely with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity on the question of decolonization;

7. Reiterates the determination of the United Nations, in cooperation with the Organization of African Unity, to continue its efforts for the early eradication of racial discrimination and apartheid, taking into consideration the democratic process emerging in South Africa, and to provide the appropriate assistance to that end;

8. Calls upon the United Nations organs - in particular the Security Council, the Economic and Social Council, the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and the Special Committee against Apartheid - to continue to involve the Organization of African Unity closely in all their activities concerning Africa;

9. Urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, in particular those of the United Nations system, as well as non-governmental organizations, to provide the necessary and appropriate economic, financial and technical assistance to refugees, as well as to African countries of asylum;

10. Notes that the economic, technical and development assistance provided to Africa by the organizations of the United Nations system must continue, and emphasizes the current need for those organizations to accord priority to Africa in this field;

11. Reaffirms that the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s 6/ will necessitate the full participation of the international community, in particular of the Governments, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and emphasizes the urgency of the need to adopt appropriate measures to ensure its implementation in accordance with General Assembly decisions;

12. Calls upon the Secretary-General of the United Nations to work in close coordination and cooperation with the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity, in particular on follow-up to and review and evaluation of the implementation of the New Agenda;

13. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to invite the representative of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to participate in the meetings of all United Nations organizations, commissions, committees and working groups on follow-up to and monitoring and assessment of the New Agenda;

14. Calls upon the Secretary-General to adopt appropriate measures, in consultation with the international organizations and financial institutions concerned, as well as with donor countries, to assist in the mobilization of the resources needed to support the efforts of the African States to implement, at the national and regional levels, Agenda 21 and other relevant decisions adopted by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development; 7/

15. Urges the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the relevant organizations of the United Nations system to extend their support and cooperation to the member States and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity for the effective organizational arrangement and smooth functioning of the African Economic Community;

16. Also urges all Member States and regional and international organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, to provide support as appropriate to the establishment of the African Economic Community, and to assist in economic integration and cooperation in Africa, in particular by providing financial and technical assistance to African regional and subregional organizations, as well as to African organizations for drought and desertification control;

17. Notes with appreciation the assistance provided by the United Nations and its organizations to the African countries in the context of the democratization process, as well as in organizing and holding pluralistic, free and fair elections, and encourages the provision, in the future, of such assistance to countries that request it;

7/ See Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992 (A/CONF.151/26), chap. I, resolution 1, annexes I-III.

18. Reiterates its appreciation to the Secretary-General for his continued efforts to mobilize international support for special programmes of economic assistance to African States facing grave economic difficulties or victims of the policies of apartheid, and requests him to continue to keep the Organization of African Unity informed periodically of measures taken by the United Nations agencies and by the international community to help implement these programmes;

19. Endorses the agreement reached between the organizations of the United Nations system and the Organization of African Unity on the convening of a meeting between the secretariats of those organizations, to be held in 1993, to review and evaluate the progress made in implementing the proposals and recommendations agreed upon in April 1991 and 1992 on cooperation between them in 1992-1993 and to adopt new and effective joint action;

20. Requests the Secretary-General of the United Nations to support the efforts of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity with a view to holding sectoral meetings in the priority areas of cooperation, particularly the establishment of the African Economic Community and the strengthening of the African regional and subregional organizations;

21. Requests the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity to ensure that the representatives of their secretariats continue to hold regular close consultations, particularly on the follow-up to the present resolution;

22. Calls upon the relevant organs of the United Nations to ensure the effective, fair and equitable representation of Africa at senior and policy levels at their respective headquarters and in their regional field operations;

23. Also requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the United Nations information network continues to disseminate information so as to increase public awareness of the situation prevailing in southern Africa, as well as of the social and economic problems and needs of African States and of their regional and subregional institutions;

24. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-eighth session on the implementation of the present resolution and on the development of cooperation between the Organization of African Unity and organizations of the United Nations system.

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